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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SIMONE, Jr., et al.  
Serial No.: 09/658,016  
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Group Art Unit: 2175  
Examiner: Hassan Mahmoudi  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING  
ACCURATE AUTOMATED PROCESSING OF DATA

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003 finally rejecting Claims 1-14, all claims pending in this case.

Applicants filed a response to the December 17, 2003 Office Action on February 17, 2004. However, to Applicants' knowledge the Examiner has not mailed an Advisory Action as of June 17, 2004. Thus, Applicants submit this Notice of Appeal prior to the mailing of the Advisory Action to satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.134.

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This application is filed on behalf of a large entity. Applicants therefore enclose a check in the amount of \$330.00 to cover the cost of this Notice of Appeal. Because an Advisory Action has not been mailed by the Examiner, no extension fee calculated under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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